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TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. This is the EURALO monthly meeting on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014 at 19:00 UTC.

On the call today we have Wolf Ludwig, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Christopher Brunch, Yrjo Lansipuro, Lutz Donnerhacke, Sebastien Bachollet, Pedro Veiga, Lianna Galstyan, Roberto Gaetano, Siranush Vardanyan, Narine Khachatryan and Sandra Hoferichter.

We have apologies from Jordi Iparraguirre, Greta Jeske, Oksana Prykhodko, Alan Greenberg and Jimmy Schulz.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco; and myself, Terri Agnew.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and back over to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot for this roll call and let's go to our next standing agenda item, what is review of the action items. From our last call, if you have a look on this subpage, there are a number of points and the last one we decided was the idea from the last monthly call in November to prepare and submit a special fiscal year 16 request for general assembly face to face in Dublin in line with autumn 2015 ICANN meeting. I hope that such a request may have some chances to be approved by ICANN.

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I will prepare this together with Heidi over the Christmas break. Are there any questions or comments from your side regarding the action items from our last call?

I see no hand raised and nobody speaking up. Then I would like to continue with our next agenda item, what is point 4, briefing on current ALAC consultations and initiatives. As usual it's Olivier who has the floor. Please Olivier, go ahead.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you very well.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. We have a number of statements at the moment that are on their way. First, the statements that require a decision and that are on their way. The ICANN draft five-year operating plan has been published and we have a whole team of people that are assigned to draft a first draft to this plan. There is a draft that is in the Wiki page that is linked from the agenda on the agenda of this call.

The first draft has been submitted. So at the moment you just have time to respond and provide feedback on it. Overall the ALAC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the plan. There are a few concerns on there. The Finance and Budget subcommittee is working on this and I would say there isn't really very much to flag in there.

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The points that are made are very important and they relate effectively to some of the concerns we have expressed in the past, but certainly awareness and participation efforts must be done at local, regional and international level and with under-represented stakeholders. So far we didn't really see this in the plan itself. That's the first one.

The next one is the Cross Community Working Group on Naming Related Functions. That's a very, very large discussion going on at the moment to effectively remedy the fact that the U.S government is stepping back from its position as the steward of the IANA, the Internet Address Numbers Authority. That's the organization that coordinates the naming part of the Internet, coordinates the numbers and coordinates the protocols at a global level.

As far as the names are concerned, we've got a working group that has put together a proposal, a counterproposal to the proposal that has been sent out by the Cross Community Working Group on Naming Related Functions. The concern in there is that in the Cross Community Working Group proposal, there is the creation of a contract company. There is also the creation of a multi-stakeholder review team.

There's the creation of a number of different bodies with some concern that our community has about capture, about the legislation surrounding these different organizations, etc. The proposal which is made is one to be keeping – well, to create an IANA supporting organization and an IANA resource organization that would still be somehow linked to ICANN, whilst at the same time being able to perform the same functions as the ones that have been performed so far by the U.S government.

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So in general, a very, very important process and we are asking for comments until the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. So you have a few more days to read the proposal on the Wiki page and to comment on it so as to be able to add your comments to this. If you do, if you support it, then please comment on it as well. It's important that we know whether there's widespread support among the At-Large Committee for this statement.

Third, the Internationalized Domain Name Top-Level domain program, a number of parallel projects are taking place in there. The label generation rule set is a way to – it's all to do with domain names that might be visually equivalent. So the whole process, which is a little bit complicated and technical, is using some label generation rules to be able to distinguish on whether a domain name is equivalent to another domain name, if it's relating in a slightly different way.

In Europe one is looking specifically at domain names with accents or with special characters that might not be used in the standard classic Latin character set that is used. At the moment the rule set which is being looked at is not one that would primarily be of importance to Europe. They're looking at Arabic and Neo-Brahmi Generation Panels. Satish Babu is in charge of this process and has written to the Arabic and Neo-Brahmi Generation Panels to find out what their opinion is on these root label generation tools.

But it is important to have a good eye on this because we also have some non-Latin character sets in Europe. As you know we've got various types of Cyrillic character sets. We have Armenian character set as well.

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These all are going to go through the same sort of process of label generation rule set.

If you're interested in this topic of IDN top level domains, then please write to staff to ask to be put in touch with the people that are currently building teams for the different label generation rule set. You don't need to be an expert in linguistics, but as long as you're a user of those scripts, you can provide your input, which will effectively be defining the way that non-Latin character domain names are treated on the Internet. A very important thread.

Now, there are a number of public comment requests to which the ALAC has decided not to submit statements. One is the introduction of two approved launch programs for .Madrid and the other one is the new gTLD auction rules for direct contention. Both of these do not affect Internet users directly on a worldwide basis. It's quite local. First, .Madrid of course is – and we've got other big, large cities in the world that have a dot-city top level domain.

It was found that it really was up to them and their local community on how the approved launch programs would be undertaken. With regards to the new gTLD auction rules, only a subset of domain names end up going through the system of auctions where the applicant that has paid the most amount or that is pledging the largest amount of money will be winning the domain and will be able to then implement the top-level domain in the root.

This, again, is something which I think the ALAC was not too happy with to start with. The whole idea of auctions ends up bringing the domain to

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the richest contender and doesn't actually take into the account communities, etc. This, for the time being, doesn't have any pen holder. If you think there is an interest on writing a comment on this, please make yourself heard as soon as possible.

There are new public comment requests that have just come into the mailbox. One is the proposed renewal of [.Jobs] sponsored top-level domain registry agreement. Dot-Jobs was launched a number of years ago. I don't have the exact number. They have now reached the moment of having to reapply for renewal of what you could call a license to run .Jobs, so they are asking the public community if there are any specific points that we would like to make on this. They've listed a number of points that they're going to follow.

Then, finally, the release of the country and territory names within the .BMW and [.Mini] top-level domains. Both of these top-level domains are not open to the public for the time being. They have been won by Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW). They here are asking if, in the second level, they could actually use country names. So you could have Germany.BMW, and you could have [Switzerland.Mini] and this sort of thing. Indeed, [inaudible] or [CH.Mini].

The ALAC decided not to issue a statement and respond to this, because on a previous occasion where Neustar, another organization, the registrar called Neustar, asked whether they could release second-level domain names within .Neustar. That would be territory names. And the ALAC did not answer this at the time.

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If you feel strongly about this point, then please make yourself heard as soon as possible as well. But because we haven't an advice the .Neustar in line with this decision, it was decided for the time being to not have any statement on .BMW and [.Mini].

And that's it for the time being. Of course, I'm open to questions on any of these statements currently under a discussion.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier, for this briefing. I've seen Jean-Jacques had a point before, which he posted in the chat. I would like to ask Jean-Jacques to make his point openly and loud now. Please, Jean-Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT:

Thank you, Wolf. It was a very small point. I was interested by Olivier's presentation, as usual. Just a small point, for those who are not so familiar with the IDN gTLD program. The purpose of all this work in the language or the label generation groups is actually to determine after all necessary research what variants should be blocked, because it would be a confusing [inaudible], and those which should be let through. I just remind you of that. That's all. Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot for this, Jean-Jacques. Back to you, Olivier.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Thank you very much for this, Jean-Jacques. Indeed, yes, it's all to do about setting the rules. That's of course going to affect all of the people using those specific scripts, so it is a very important process that is moving forward.

And I'm glad to note in the chat that Lianna Galstyan has mentioned that she and others are establishing Armenian Generation Panel to set their ruleset as well. It's good to see that in Europe there is also some movement in this.

I think that I have also heard in the past that as far as Ukraine is concerned, Oksana Prykhodko had mentioned that there was also a panel being created for the Cyrillic character set and I would hope that there is an equivalent panel also for some of the other Cyrillic variants in the other European countries. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks, Olivier. Are there any other questions or comments to agenda item 4? Take your chance. Step in now, otherwise I will move over to our next agenda item 5, what is another standing item on our monthly call agenda. The EuroDIG planning process for Sofia in June 2015.

As you may recall, we had some other previous briefings on this, and now we entered to a very important step, what is almost the end of our call for proposals and I would like to give the floor to Sandra.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello, everyone. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, please. Go ahead, Sandra.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you, Wolf. Yes, indeed, as you mentioned already, the call for proposals for the EuroDIG [inaudible] is already underway, and [inaudible], and so far we received like 72 proposals which is, I would say, average [inaudible] by the end of the year between Christmas and New Year's Eve.

I would like to take that opportunity to encourage you again to submit your ideas. We changed the system a little bit. It goes very [inaudible] because we are not asking for different [inaudible]. We are only asking for your ideas and which topics we would like to see discussed during the next EuroDIG. And there is no longer [descriptions needed]. If you'd like to provide [inaudible] upload the document. That's the first.

And the second [inaudible] is that at the registration for the planning meeting which will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 in Sofia, it's open. The agenda will be uploaded by tonight, but it will be a planning meeting similar to those we had in the past, with [inaudible] or 11:00 to 5:00 where we discuss the submitted proposals. We are going to evaluate them. Then we are going to agree on the overarching theme for the EuroDIG and discuss ultimate planning process and [inaudible] we would like these sessions to be organized in the next year. Please submit your proposal and register for the planning meeting if not able to come to Sofia.

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Another thing I think, there were a lot of people [inaudible] letter. I'd just like to urge you, although you might have received the [inaudible] letter in the past, we sent them in the past to individual addresses only, because we have so many addresses now, we cannot send it to individual addresses anymore because we are only using the mailing list [inaudible].

Please make sure that you are on the mailing list if you want to receive the EuroDIG [inaudible]. Otherwise, you might not receive them anymore. Please [inaudible] than necessary. That wouldn't be a problem.

Then, another new thing, [inaudible] was just working on a [inaudible] newspaper for EuroDIG which compiled all the news about Internet governance in Europe and they will be provided to the community by a tool which is called [Paper List]. It is a free tool. You would just [inaudible] if you would like to be informed. This newspaper is a new service for people from Europe from communities to get the latest and greatest articles which are on the Internet on one page, and it will be updated on a weekly basis.

We hope that this tool which [inaudible] published on the website but will be published – or the [inaudible]. We hope that this new tool will be valuable [inaudible] for EuroDIG [inaudible] and for those interested in Internet governance issues.

If you have any questions, please e-mail [inaudible] Wolf or me or the [others of] EuroDIG, and we hope [inaudible]. Thank you very much.

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WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks, Sandra. Would you like to continue with this next point, a short briefing on 5b, what is the planning of the pre-event Southeastern European Roundtable?

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Yes. Sure, Wolf. I can do that. We have at least three people in this call who are [inaudible] productive tool. So at least three people in this call who are already involved in the organization of the Southeastern European Roundtable and things are moving forward. An Executive Committee was just formed as well as a Steering Committee will be formed. So everybody is invited to participate in the [inaudible] Steering Committee ideas [inaudible] and only a small [inaudible] executed from [inaudible] through the organizing work and the logistics behind.

If you [inaudible] day before EuroDIG on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June in [inaudible] as the EuroDIG is taking place, and it will be a pilot program. I believe, Wolf, that we just pilot in that area. We can somehow establish a submission or an ongoing platform for the Southeastern European community. [inaudible] think everybody knows her is [inaudible]. If you are interested to follow up on this project or if you know people who are interested to follow up on this project, please lead them to us and we will be happy to subscribe them to the mailing list. Thank you very much.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot, Sandra, for this briefing on current EuroDIG planning process for Sofia. Just a last remark on the [inaudible] b on the planning of the pre-event for Southeastern European Roundtable. This has

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started more or less. It was an issue at the last ICANN meeting in Los Angeles. There, Jean-Jacques Sahel as usual organized ICANN European Coordination Meeting, and there it was said that the next EuroDIG should set a special emphasis on the situation in South and Eastern European countries. There are some realities and conditions quite as much different from the situation in the Western parts of Europe.

And out of this discussion in Los Angeles and with the presence of a lot of participants from this part, mailing list was created which has started in November and there is quite a lot of exchange, etc. So it's a very good example, in my opinion, how we are now on the way to organize a sort of dynamic. There are a lot of people added over the last weeks in this mailing list, so it's quite comprehensive already by now and I'm really pleased about this initiative and I'm very confident that this will add a lot of additional value not only for the EuroDIG for the inclusiveness of the EuroDIG process where [this] parts of Europe have so far a little bit been marginalized. There are new interested people stepping in and this looks very promising in my opinion.

Are there any questions and comments from your side for this agenda item 5, EuroDIG planning? I see Siranush is typing in the chat. Siranush, you can also raise your hand and raise your voice and contribute. Let me see what Siranush is typing. Yes, here she is.

"Happy to see that Armenia is in good hands by having members [post] an organization and Steering Committee for this Roundtable." Unfortunately, due to her workload, she wasn't able to be in the [inaudible] committee in person, but will try to support remotely as

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much as possible. What will be much appreciated, Siranush, and Lianna and [Adiele]. Please try to keep involved as much as possible.

I've also seen that you have submitted already some ideas for the call for proposals. So this is exactly as a way we would like it to happen. I hope that until the end of the year we will have quite a lot of proposals from Southern Eastern European countries.

Thanks for your support so far. We will continue our next briefing on the EuroDIG planning process in our January call, what will be before the open planning meeting in Sofia at the end of January. So at January EURALO call, we can give you already an update about the results and compilation of proposals received the end of this year.

Any questions or comments from your side on agenda item 5, EuroDIG? I see no hand raised. Then let me continue with our next agenda item 6.

New ALS applications from Russia and [inaudible]. As you may have seen on the list, because there was a short note from At-Large staff some weeks ago, when they received the ALS application from the Internet Foundation in Russia, there was a due diligence procedure made by At-Large staff in the meantime.

In the course of this procedure, there was one little detail in the application form which was not clear regarding the membership of this foundation and whether there are Internet users, enough represented in this foundation, etc. At-Large staff is on the way. Nathalie from At-Large staff is on the way to sort out these details and questions with the applicant.

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If this is done, I hope we can send the due diligence form to the EURALO list and we will ask for the regional advice until the end of this year. I'm looking forward to this.

I have informally by direct mail exchanged [with her] that there are some more applications in the pipeline which have not been submitted so far. There will be at least, to my memory, two (perhaps even three) ALS applications from Germany. Perhaps one from ISOC Germany. I was told that at the last meeting of ISOC Germany, this has been approved to submit an application to EURALO. So I guess at the moment they are on the way to prepare it.

And there may be another ALS application from [inaudible] in Germany and from another ALS. So hopefully, these additional applications will arrive before the end of the year that we can deal with them, etc.

I would like to encourage all of you at this call that if you know some more people who may be a candidate for a new ALS for EURALO, so please go ahead and encourage them.

I see Olivier's hand raised. Olivier, you have the floor, please.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Wolf. Thank you very much for this update on new ALS applications. It's great to see that we seem to be on an upward slope again with potential new applicants that are interested. Certainly it's great to see this move further East.

I had a question with regards to individual membership. I know that there are many people who inquire about this, and I'm not quite sure

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how efficiently they are able to join the individual membership. And I'm a little surprised that after having opened this for maybe even more than a year now – I think it is more than a year – there are so few members. I wondered whether there was anything we could do help on being able to grow the individual memberships.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes. Thanks a lot, Olivier, for raising this point, because over the last weeks, I had tried some exchanges with Roberto on this. Roberto is fortunately on the call tonight. Indeed, this new ALS for individual members were created and certified about a year ago, and it was a little bit, let's say, a task like herding cats for Roberto over the last couple of months, but Roberto has invested quite a lot of work in this in keeping [these] people together.

I know that there was a small meeting at the last ICANN meeting in Los Angeles where some of them have met informally, as there are always too many meetings at ICANN. Some of the individual members who have joined this group couldn't attend, couldn't participate. They have created a website already to attract some more participants, etc.

But let me give the floor to Roberto to tell us some more details about this. Roberto, you have the floor, please. Go ahead.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Can you hear me?

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WOLF LUDWIG: Yes.

ROBERTO GAETANO: So I sent a little comment on the chat. The problem that we had was for the website. We have – it's too loud, my volume.

WOLF LUDWIG: There's an echo on your line.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Okay, I'll speak [inaudible] on the microphone. Okay, I hope it works. I muted my speaker, so I'm sure there's no echo.

I think that with the change of the provider now around Christmas there's not much we can do. In the beginning of January, we assume we need to solve the problems.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot for this update, Roberto. Let me just recall some of your basic points. There was a problem in the last time with the hosting of this side of the EURALO individual association. Meanwhile, Roberto could sort out with Michele from Ireland a new hosting, what is now on the way.

Roberto is trying to prepare a first general assembly of EURALO individual association for the Dublin meeting, what can be probably or hopefully organized somehow in line with EURALO general assembly. So

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I think we should try to combine the two, and I hope that we will have a lot of individual members, etc., at our next general assembly in Dublin.

Thanks, Roberto, again for all the work you invested in this following up on this. Please keep us updated on this. Are there any questions from your side regarding this agenda item 6? New ALS applications and on the EURALO individual association?

Personally, I'm really pleased about this development, because as we could see, there are quite a lot of interested people joining this ALS recently, so it's an additional tool for inclusiveness of EURALO for those people who are more or less free-floating and do not belong to one of the existing ALSes.

If there are no questions or comments from your side, let me continue with the next agenda item, what is point 7, EURALO budget planning for 2015.

This is a good moment for this. As you may recall, last year we had a budget submission in the frame of the CROPP pilot program. In this CROPP program, we had five. We had the possibility to submit five candidates to join the last EuroDIG in Berlin, and all five candidates we submitted were funded and could attend EuroDIG in Berlin. Therefore, we can say that the first round, the pilot round, was from our point of view rather successful, so it offered another opportunity to bring people in for European events and it's a good tool for, let's say, capacity building.

Meanwhile, this CROPP pilot from last year was confirmed, was approved, to continue next year as well. We have to sort out with At-

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Large staff when [inaudible]. We have to submit our proposals for the CROPP program. And let me suggest that we use this possibly again to support people to come to EuroDIG in Sofia, and let me suggest that we try to concentrate such submissions for candidates from Eastern European countries.

There is always a big issue in this respect that, in the past, many people who would've been interested to come to EuroDIG couldn't do so because of lack of money, because they cannot afford travel costs and hotel costs in a Western European country. Therefore, this was very helpful that we could use this last year for Berlin. And I think it would be a good idea to concentrate the next CROPP submissions for EuroDIG in June in Sofia again. Your ideas, comments, or questions on this are welcome.

As we discussed at our last call, this point suddenly came up with the budget planning for 2015. We may have a good chance in line with the next European ICANN meeting in Autumn 2015 in Dublin to submit a budget request for another face-to-face general assembly during the Dublin meeting.

As I mentioned last time at the call, I will prepare such budget request in the usual form together with Yuliya and we will try to submit this in time, and hopefully this may get approved.

I see Olivier's hand raised. Olivier, you have the floor.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Actually, I think Jean-Jacques's hand was there before me, but he seems to have put his hand down.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Yes, it was just about Yuliya wanted to add something, but she's not on the audio line here. Can you just look at her comment on the chat? Thanks.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes. Okay. Thanks for the hint, Jean-Jacques. I have seen Yuliya's comment about CROPP. "Can you send us the e-mail about the deadline for application?" I haven't seen this e-mail from [Janice] because I am not part of this CROPP group. So far, it is Yuliya and Oksana who are in this group and I think we have to consider, to take care and consider, the deadline for this application.

As we did it last year where it was a little bit complicated, I think it shouldn't be so complicated this year. We have to work on this as well.

I just see that Yuliya had another idea to organize EURALO workshop during the next IGF. The next IGF will be in Brazil next year. And it could be an idea to propose such a workshop. I'm not very confident. Seeing the procedures in the past, last year, for the last fiscal year, there were two workshops from RALOs at the IGF suggested, and both of them were not approved. But we can make a file and we can make two budget requests – one for our face-to-face general assembly in Dublin, what in my eyes would have a certain priority. We can also prepare

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proposal, but with some substance to have a EURALO workshop at the next IGF 2015 in Brazil organized and supported by ICANN.

These are the ideas on the table so far, and I would like to give the floor to Olivier again.

**OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:** Thank you very much, Wolf. Several things I wanted to comment on. The first one was the suggestion from Yuliya to have a EURALO workshop proposed at IGF as part of CROPP.

I'm absolutely for proposing a EURALO workshop at IGF. I think that's great. Last year, as Wolf said, we didn't have much chance across all of At-Large because the two workshops that were proposed by APRALO and AFRALO were refused. But it really depends on the MAG and on the selection of workshops. It wasn't refused by ICANN. It was allowed by ICANN but it was refused by the IGF organizers.

So I would say if there are issues which would [inaudible] fall in line with the IGF mandate and the IGF hot topics, since they are basing each IGF on a specific set of topics, then by all means, please propose a workshop there.

Proposing it under CROPP, though, is probably not the right way because CROPP gives you a maximum of two nights and IGF is longer than two nights. And the worth of the IGF is not just having a workshop there, but actually meeting with everyone over there. That's why this has usually been taken as an extra allocation, extra funding required, extracurricular or additional projects if you want. Can't say

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extracurricular. There's no curriculum. That's one with regards to the workshops.

With regards to the outreach and the CROPP program itself, looking at the last year's selectees, I was wondering whether there were any trip reports and what was the return on investment that was reached with having those five people come to EuroDIG.

The other regions use their CROPP outreach by sending one or sometimes two people to non-ICANN related events with the primary goal and telling people about ICANN, telling people about At-Large and coming back with names, etc., of people who are not – well, potential applicants basically – and therefore are able to grow the region.

I am a little concerned, and maybe I haven't seen that, but I didn't see any of the trip reports from our selectees from last year to see if they had gone out there and spoken to people about At-Large and spoken to people about joining. So I wondered whether that was the case. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier, for your additional explanations and comments. As I mentioned in the chat, [I see some] restrictions of the CROPP program for only supporting two nights, what would not match to the duration of an IGF. It matches perfectly with the duration of EuroDIG, and therefore I think we should let the CROPP priority on EuroDIG in Sofia and try to get the support for the EURALO workshop at the IGF by an ordinary budget request. Let's try it perhaps [inaudible] and have better chances to get it approved.

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I see Sebastien's hand raised. Sebastien, you have the floor, please. Can you hear us?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Hello, can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you now. Go ahead, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Hello?

WOLF LUDWIG: Hello. Continue. Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead, please.

WOLF LUDWIG: Go ahead, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: The CROPP is just done for regional travel for people from the same region. It's really important to take that into account then anything outside of Europe, travel outside of Europe, will not work for CROPP.

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About the IGF, as you know, I was saying the other side of the discussion about the budget, but I can tell you that I am not sure that it's a good idea to have a EURALO workshop or a EURALO workshop organized by EURALO. We need really to show multi-region. If not, we will not succeed in having the budget. The board will deny it and maybe the MAG also will deny it. It will be a waste of our time.

I really suggest that we go back to ALAC and we say, "Okay, what we do for IGF?" and try to do something collectively. If not, we will not succeed. It's my advice, nothing else. If you want to do it, you can, but if you want to succeed, that's really the best way to go.

I will say, particularly, if we can have participation from the region where the IGF is organized will be a great deal to have [inaudible] by both ICANN and hopefully the MAG. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Sebastien, for this additional information, particularly on the regional scope of the CROPP program, what was also mentioned by Olivier in the chat. Olivier, you have the floor again. Go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you, Wolf. I just wanted to support what Sebastien has said, and actually to add that the new ALAC chair, Alan Greenberg, is currently reconstituting the At-Large Finance & Budget Subcommittee. There is an emphasis that because last year's additional request didn't run too well, there will be a much stronger emphasis on having the At-Large

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community work together rather than just regionally sending their requests.

When Sebastien mentions there should be something done across the different RALOs, a proposal across the RALOs, that certainly resounds with the process that is going to move forward. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Olivier. I think [inaudible] very strong and really points to concentrate on cross-regional workshops for any budget submission that may have higher chances to be approved by ICANN.

As a conclusion from this discussion under agenda item 7, EURALO budget planning for 2015, point A, I have heard no objections on my idea that we for the CROPP submissions for next year we should concentrate on supporting Southeastern European candidates to go to EuroDIG June 2015 in Sofia.

So it would be the same [inaudible]. It's the same way what we did last year when we used this CROPP pilot program in the regional context to support people to come to one of the major European Internet governance events, what is without a doubt EuroDIG.

Can I have your approval or your objections on this priority for [7A], the CROPP submissions, what in my eyes makes perfect sense and it fits to the outlines of the CROPP program.

I see a lot of approvals, and also Olivier's hand raised. Olivier, you have the floor again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. Just to alert you to the note I put in the chat, as in yes I agree with this process forward, but I would definitely like to see growth in that area and be able to make use of our people who will be on the ground to go out and recruit more At-Large Structures. Find organizations that would be suitable At-Large Structures in that part of the world, and of course in the rest of Europe is well. It really is for outreach. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, Olivier, I perfectly agree with you that we should – to my memory, this was already idea last year that this happens under the term of ALS [inaudible] members promotion. So we use people from existing ALSes last year, except one exception, what was Veronica. Veronica is not a member of an existing ALS. So we can concentrate supporting candidates for next year for Sofia from Eastern European countries by saying people who are not already covered by our ALSes or ALS members but candidates who may be new candidates to become an ALS. So this would be a good criteria, in my opinion, to add to this [decision].

As I do not hear any objections, I think we can take this as approval. Regarding the next point, what is 7B, the face-to-face general assembly during the ICANN 2015 Autumn meeting in Dublin, I guess there won't be any objection from your side for this idea and to commit as there is a leadership with submitting related budget requests for the fiscal year 2016, what will start in summer 2015 going to 2016. So in this line, we

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can, as we did before, by the way, submit another budget request for a full-time [inaudible] to ICANN.

I take silence as approval to this idea, so these two points we can consider as being approved. And there was no [contents] here and there were some doubts raised regarding the other idea to ask for EURALO workshop at the IGF in Brazil, what is Olivier and Sebastien lined out wouldn't have much chance to be approved by the Finance & Budget Subcommittee and [known] by ICANN and its board.

So let's concentrate on the two elements for the EURALO budget planning in 2015. Any further comments and questions from your side? I see we are a few minutes already behind the scheduled time. I see no hands raised here so far.

So the next agenda item I put on for tonight, but I must admit, I do not see an immediate necessity now to talk about member participation at EURALO [inaudible] in autumn this year where we had unfortunately only very few members participating, but tonight I was pleased we had [partly] 15 people participating at this call besides four or five apologies. So I consider this for this last call of the year is quite an impressive number of participation from our member ALSes. To me, it's a sort of a Christmas gift you made me tonight. Let's postpone this point member participation at EURALO, which is sort of a structural problem and we have to keep this in mind and we have to find ideas how we can encourage more members to participate more at EURALO.

But this is a continuing challenge and let me suggest to put this point on another agenda for one of our next calls. So regarding agenda item 9,

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ideas for EURALO planning [inaudible], we have I think discussed already in detail under agenda item 7. So I think the priorities are done. We have some first starting points for 2015.

If in the next time any other ideas bump up, etc., we can still include them in our planning process for next year. But for the moment, I think point 7 and point 9 are done as well. So that if only at the moment, if you have comments on what I said before or questions, please raise your hand and raise your voice. If this is not the case, let me conclude today's call with point 10, any other business.

I have seen that Jean-Jacques wanted to inform us about one point under any other business. Please, Jean-Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT:

Thank you, Wolf. Actually, two points. The first is something that you brought to our attention. It was an important paper by the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights. You sent us the link. I read part of it. I think it's really very interesting and even important. I suggest that EURALO publish a declaration in support of this initiative or this study by the Council of Europe. The [inaudible] be sent to the board of ICANN, to the CEO of ICANN, to ALAC and [inaudible]. That was my proposal [and point one].

Point two, under any other business, is to let you know that I sent in yesterday my candidacy for the Coordination Council of the NETmundial initiative. This requires a word of explanation from me, because as everyone knows, I have been wading quite carefully through some of

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the negative comments brought up by this initiative and the idea of creating [inaudible].

But in spite of that, I put in my candidacy because I believe that, at least for the time being, [inaudible] the people behind this initiative will take on board some of the negative comments and modify or improve what they are suggesting.

Since the cutoff date for applications was yesterday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December, I did send in my application as a member of EURALO and I hope that I can count on the support of my colleagues in EURALO. Those are my two points.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Jean-Jacques, for this info. Yes, I agree with your first point that I think this [recent issue] paper by the Council of Europe is a very important one, what in my opinion somehow summarizes some of the major concerns on the European level what had been raised by different civil society [inaudible] networks in Europe, like continuously [inaudible], etc.

It has strong points on the [tested] data retention, what was last spring by the European Court of Justice declared as not being compliant with European laws and convention, etc.

So I think this was, to me, another encouragement and it's a very important paper. I think we can – what I did informally already to Council of Europe, [inaudible] that we report such initiative from the Council of Europe.

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And on your second point, you mentioned it yourself, I realize there was a lot of debate. . .

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Excuse me, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: About NETmundial initiative. There was also a lot of criticisms. There was a very critical piece to position a statement from ISOC and other networks. So I think it's still also under discussion in At-Large that this initiative as it looks now, as it's on the table now is too much top-down and letting bottom-up mechanisms, etc. So this is a critical issue and still under discussion.

But if you submitted your candidacy, it's okay. And as I told you before, we can support you in your [inaudible] capacity in [inaudible].

Yrjo has raised his hand, and afterwards, Jean-Jacques. First, Yrjo, you have the floor, please.

YRJO LANISPURO: Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you, Yrjo.

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YRJO LANISPURO:

Yeah. Thank you very much, [inaudible]. I agree with Jean-Jacques that it is an interesting European, the Council of Europe paper is an interesting and important one. But I would recommend that we actually read it first, and perhaps discuss it a little bit on the list before we issue a blanket support for that.

I had just time to read the executive summary, but I'm a little sorry that it has – how will I say? It takes the United States and its different functions and roles in the Internet as its main target.

Perhaps there was a little bit mixing up the various roles that various U.S. entities play in the Internet. At the same time, I was also sorry to see, at least in the executive summary, that the human rights breaches in one member [function] of the Council of Europe in Russia not taken up. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot for your [inaudible] comments, Yrjo. I think while it's a good idea. We can submit any global support paper to give our members more time over the Christmas days to read it. It's a very comprehensive paper. So I guess most of the people won't read it in detail, but already the executive summary, as you said, is quite interesting.

And I'm pleased and open for any idea to have a real debate on issues like this on our list. So let's give it a chance. And please, you will make a starting point with your comments you just made here and post them on the list as well. Maybe there will be more reactions on this and I would be very pleased having a substantial debate about such

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important paper on our list, what would be I guess an encouragement for more people to step in.

Thank you. Next is Jean-Jacques. Jean-Jacques, you have the floor again.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Wolf. I find that Yrjo's remarks extremely interesting. But precisely, in my proposal, which is that EURALO should send a statement to be published more widely than only to the Council of Europe, that would also allow EURALO to underline the faults or the missing parts, as Yrjo was pointing out, if there is no criticism at all of Russia.

Of course, it is understandable because Russia is a member of the Council of Europe. But still, maybe it's difficult for them to say so, but it's maybe not difficult for EURALO to point out more widely what isn't consistent in that report. So I think it's doubly interesting and I would encourage you, Wolf, to lead discussion on this. I'm glad you've asked Yrjo to start something like that. I'm at his disposal to help him carry that effort forward.

As for my second point, which was my candidacy for the NETmundial initiative, I am perfectly aware of the criticism, which I think was deserved. As I said, the cutoff date for candidacies was yesterday. And in order not to be sidelined, I did send in my candidacy. If it later turns out that the initiative will go nowhere, well, never mind; I will have sent in my candidacy for no purpose, but that's okay. Thank you.

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WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot, Jean-Jacques. As I just mentioned in the chat, I think it's worth a trial. It was good to have submitted it in time. And we have to see what is going on in this direction. There is still a lot of debate on this NETmundial initiative not only in civil society [inaudible], by the way, as I have realized, but also there are a lot of governmental representatives who have strong [inaudible] against the outline so far.

Okay. I think this will be an ongoing discussion and not ending by the end of the year, but we are at the end of our call schedule. I was not too strict to keep down and to stick to the 60 minutes because I thought it was a very productive meeting, and I was pleased about tonight's discussion and all your input. So I put it on my shoulder having exceeded the time by 20 minutes by now.

But I do not want now to keep you away from your [inaudible], etc. So thanks for participating tonight. It was a very encouraging call. To me, I appreciated the variety of participants, etc., and also contributions. You made – thanks for your participation. I would like to forward all my best wishes for the seasonal holidays, for the festivities. Try to enjoy it with your families and try to relax a little bit and I will be pleased to welcome you again on our next call in January.

Thanks a lot, everybody, and goodnight.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

Thank you, Wolf. Thank you, everyone. Happy holidays, bye-bye.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Happy holidays. Bye-bye, everyone.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, everybody. Thanks, Wolf. Bye-bye.

TERRI AGNEW: Once again, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines. Have a great rest of your day.

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